

TERRITORIAL HOPICS.

Black bass have been caught in Utah Lake which dress four pounds. Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution was reincorporated the 1st for a period of fifty years.

S. B. Shepard of Ogden has captured the contract for building the state normal school at Albion, Idaho.

Sheriff Lloyd of Carbon county arrested Edward Caviness, the 2nd, who is wanted in Colorado for murder.

Jacobson, suspected of murdering Lewis Price at Nephi, established his innocence before the coroner's jury.

The Lehi Sugar factory was glutted with beets last week and harvesting of the crop was temporarily stopped.

A commission of Provoites have located a reservoir site at the head of the Provo river and construction work is under way.

The Tuscarora society of Salt Lake will make a marching club of 100 of its noblest braves, who will be the pride and envy of all beholders.

Judge Grosscup of Chicago, famous as the judge who tried the contempt cases growing out of the Pullman strike, was in Salt Lake on a pleasure trip the 28th.

Heber Clark of Clark Bros. & Co., of Pleasant Grove, was struck in the eye by a nail which was driving into a barrel. The pupil had to be removed in order to save the other eye.

Weber county Republicans have named E. M. Allison and David McKay for the senate and N. J. Harris, Thomas J. Stevens, Lee Curtis and Dr. A. S. Cendon for the house.

G. Bergmaier was found dead in a room at the Utah Hotel, Salt Lake, the 30th, the jury finding that his death was the result of natural causes. He has no known relatives.

Mrs. Lillie R. Pardee, Republican nominee for the senate from Salt Lake county, has withdrawn from the race, fearing legal complications might arise in case of her election.

Two apparent bilks have been doing the farmers wives in parts of Utah county, selling them a box of shoe blacking and the promise of a silk dress pattern for \$2 in advance.

Improvements aggregating \$7000 have been made in the Salt Lake Tabernacle for conference. New carpets and additional seating capacity are added. About six hundred more may be seated than formerly.

An operation was performed upon Joe Lapsley, the Salt Lake plumber who was so fearfully burned by hot solder, removing one of his eyes. The operation was successful and the sight of the other eye will be saved.

The Lehi Sugar Company denies, as has been charged, that the price of sugar is higher in Utah than elsewhere in the West. The company will not cut the price this year as it desires to avoid running at a loss as was the case last year.

Salt Lake county will not accept county warrants in payment of taxes, excepting the issue of 1905. This is to head off payment of any warrants issued to Andrews & Co., of Chicago, whom the officials claim hoodled the county out of large sums of money.

The Lehi Barker reports the death of Mrs. Jane Clark, aged 75 years, 9 months and 16 days. She was the mother of twelve children, grandmother of seventy-two grandchildren and great-grandmother of twenty-four great-grandchildren.

The Beaver Usonian reports the death of Father Valentine, aged 80 years, 4 months and 5 days. He has been in charge for some time of the property at Fort Cannon, and on going home from Beaver on the night of the blizzard he got lost and perished from exposure.

A note from La Bellevue mine, Oregon, says W. R. Randall, formerly foreman of that mine, died August 25th of inflammation of the bowels. He leaves a wife and two small children. Mr. Randall was well known on the Comstock, where he was raised, and had many friends in Utah.

H. W. Langenour, a Californian of some note and a member of the last legislature, mysteriously disappeared from home, was seen and recognized in Ogden recently. He was formerly a resident of Salt Lake and attended the session of the Bimetallic Union in May as a delegate from the Golden state. No explanation of his conduct is offered.

Ed Egan, wanted at Ogden for purchasing a horse, was arrested at Evanston. He explained that he had taken his girl out riding, and afterward went on a high lonesome; and when he awoke a long way from home realized he was in for it, and tried to escape. The court thought the explanation did not explain, and held him to the grand jury.

J. D. Patterson, an Ogden railway employee who has taken an active interest in local politics for some years, has been arrested and jailed on a charge of forgery, aggregating about \$500. He has been drinking heavily of late. Patterson denies criminal intent, and says the checks will be paid all right. He has borne a splendid name heretofore. Friends claim a recent severe spell of sickness has undermined his mind.

The Vernal Express says that James Beebe and family from Lander Wyoming, are in the valley visiting friends. Mr. Beebe had nine head of horses stolen from him, while he was enroute a short distance below Fort Duchesne. He thought they were taken by the Utes, and from his description of the manner in which they were stolen, the Indians are

probably the guilty parties.

Park Record: An explosion which wrecked the newly constructed dust chambers in the Dewey-Walter refining process at the Marsac refinery occurred Tuesday afternoon, the cause being attributed to accumulated gas which the stack failed to carry off. There are three separate flues leading into the stack, and the gas and dust carried by them was too large in volume for the main flue to handle and as a result a surplus accumulated and finally exploded, blowing out one entire side and the top of the dust chamber, besides demolishing almost every partition. The damage is being repaired as rapidly as possible. The accident will retard the final test of the new process, from which no bullion has as yet been run.

"What a checkered career," mused Judge Smith of the Salt Lake police court, his eye fixed upon the retreating form of Silas B. Smith, who had just been allowed twenty-four hours in which to rid the city of his presence. "I knew that man when he was rated at a quarter of a million, and when no enterprise in the country in which he operated was looked upon as legitimate unless the name of Silas B. Smith was connected with it. He was owner of a number of stores, distributed through as many mining camps, and it was in that located at Bodie that when a youth I found employment. Many a check with his signature upon it have I cashed in payment for my month's work, and to think that fate should decree that I be the one to pronounce a judgment giving him time to get out of town, well, I'll tell you it's no enviable task. The cup has been his curse. Whisky is all he lives for, and as he expressed a desire to go to Ogden in search of it, the least the court could do was to allow him the opportunity."

Mr. Christensen knows all of Nansen's plans. He expressed to me the most perfect confidence in the success of the undertaking, and said he was pleased that nothing had been heard of Nansen. "According to the most accurate calculation," he said, "three years, at least, will be required for the journey to be completed, and if we receive any information before the expiration of that time, it is likely to be tidings of misfortune."

This was reassuring, but my skepticism was not completely eradicated until it became my good fortune through a friend's invitation, to meet the charming young wife of the explorer, and from her lips hear an explanation of the principles upon which her husband's plan is founded.

Dr. Nansen's home is picturesquely situated at Lysaker, a suburb of Christiania. Here live his wife and daughter. The former is a young, vivacious and cheerful young woman, the latter a beautiful little girl about two and a half years of age. Here they wait his return in a charmed circle, and the home is a scene of which memories of the absent voyager meet the eyes. A bust of Dr. Nansen is the prominent object in the parlor.

On the walls are photographs and paintings of the distant husband and father. The walls are decorated with paintings representing Arctic scenes and the life of the explorer.

Madame Nansen belongs to one of the best families in Norway. Her maiden name was Lars and her mother a sister of the poet Johan Sebastian Cammermeyer Welhaven, who was a contemporary of Vergeland. Madame Nansen is herself Norway's most popular concert singer. Her voice is equal to that of the opera singer, Gino Oello Bjornson, surpasses it in sweetness and purity of tone. Wherever she appears, she is always enthusiastically greeted by the audience.

Her sympathy and admiration naturally drawn to Nansen's wife, some portion of her success before the public may be due to her. She is an accomplished pianist and a semi-brunette of medium height, with well built and a symmetrical figure.

Our conversation soon turned to the one object in her husband's mind, his expedition to the North Pole. It did not depress her to talk about her absent husband; on the contrary, she was as happy as the lark she rivalled at frequent intervals her cheerfulness and hearty laugh would cause the piano to my side to murmur in sympathy.

"Not for a moment do I doubt his return," she said. "Why, if he had not felt the greatest confidence in his success, could he have ever been so foolish enough to let him go. The only thing which I can see that may prevent his return is a sheer misfortune, whereby the vessel is crushed, even if Franz Grillett is wrecked they have boats; if they, too, are lost, then, as a last resort, they have tents to erect on the ice."

I asked if she had no desire to accompany her husband.

She answered, promptly: "No, indeed, that would be outside of the sphere of a woman. That would not have been the proper thing for me to do."

I ventured to mention that Mrs. Peary accompanied her husband on an Arctic trip.

"Yes," she said, "and so much the worse for the expedition! It must have been a great burden to carry her along, although Mrs. Peary certainly showed much courage." Madame Nansen, it may be inferred, does not advocate woman's suffrage.

"I can ever try to persuade your husband to give up his bold plan?"

"No; on the contrary, I urged and encouraged him on every step of his life work, and without an attempt at it he would never have been happy. Since he was so unfortunate as to have such a desire, it was my duty to assist him in satisfying it."

"So you call it a misfortune that he had such a desire?"

"Well, I can't say I call it fortunate to have him up near the North Pole while I am sitting here."

Madame Nansen's faith in the success of the expedition and in the safe return of her husband is sanguine, and as grounds for her belief she gave me an interesting account of Dr. Nansen's plan, and how they had gradually developed through many years of study, and how they had finally led to the expedition.

Since his twenty-second year Dr. Nansen has been contemplating crossing the North Pole, and with that end in view has been diligently studying the Arctic ocean currents. He noticed the two large currents flowing down the coast of Greenland out of the Polar regions. Approximate calculations showed that an enormous quantity of water was thus transported southward. Of course it would be impossible for the Polar ocean to continue to yield such great volumes of water unless similar streams were somewhere flowing into it. Dr. Nansen sought their source on the opposite side of the pole of the Arctic ocean, where he discovered a great current which moved steadily toward the pole. Not only did the water flow toward the pole, but the thick ice-crust was carried by the stream in the same direction. The idea struck Dr. Nansen that it would be possible to drift across the pole, starting off the coast of Siberia and coming out by way of Greenland.

This idea was strengthened by the result of James Gordon Bennett's "Jeannette" expedition of 1882-3. The "Jeannette" was shipwrecked between 70 degrees and 75 degrees north latitude and 155 degrees longitude east of Greenwich. Three years after some of the ship's stores were found near Cape Farewell, the southern extremity of Greenland, directly opposite the pole, from where they had been cast in the sea. It was evident that they must have been driven across the polar regions.

Dr. Nansen considered this theory, demonstrated and reasoned that if he could have placed himself upon the stores lost by the "Jeannette" he would have crossed with them the Polar sea. But this is far from the only proof of a trans-polar current. Every week large quantities of driftwood arrive on Spitzbergen island and Greenland coasts by the polar route from Siberia. In this way the Eskimo is provided with all the wood he needs for houses, tools and fire. Without it he could not exist. Furthermore, Dr. Nansen caused experts to examine the earth and rocks found on the ice which drifts along the Greenland coast, and it was decided that these were identical with those of Siberia and must have drifted on the sea across the pole. In short, Dr. Nansen concluded that there is a short current flowing directly across the polar region, and that if a vessel could be built strong enough to resist the pressure of the ice, it would be possible to drift with that current across the pole.

Dr. Nansen concluded that there must be an open polar sea partially from the fact that the majority of the North Pole expeditions have been stopped, not, as most people believe, by ice, but by open waters. The Austrian-Ungarian expedition was stopped by open water at 82.5 degrees north latitude. Lieutenant Lockwood of the Greeley expedition was likewise stopped by open water at 83.24 degrees north latitude. Of course it will be understood that the open water prevents the progress of dogs over the ice.

Given the theory of an open polar sea should not be a reality. Dr. Nansen is likely to pass through the mysterious region frozen tightly into an immense ice place over which he will have no control. He is not certain that he will be able to pass directly over the pole, but may be carried some little distance to either side of it. He is in hopes, however, with the assistance of his dogs and sledges to reach the very point where the earth's axis terminates the true geographical pole.

Dr. Nansen's vessel, is possibly the strongest and the most carefully built ship afloat. Its construction is such that when the ice freezes solidly around it and begins to press against the sides, it will be lifted or pushed upward, and will rest on the top of the ice long enough before the crushing point is reached. The bottom is of steel, the sides have great shear, and is rigged like a three-masted schooner and has a screw propeller, which gives a speed of eight miles an hour. It carries coal and provisions for six years, though the trip is calculated to last only three.

On previous polar expeditions it has been found difficult to keep the frost from penetrating the sides of the ship. It was not rare to have the mattresses under the sailors to turn into lumps of ice. Dr. Nansen has had layers of various material, almost impervious to frost, placed along the sides and under the deck. Pains have been taken to furnish the vessel as warmly as possible, and a dynamo will furnish electric light during the long night.

Dr. Nansen has a skill and a perseverance. He is the only person who has ever crossed over the interior of Greenland. In 1888 he undertook the feat and was crowned with success.

Before I left Dr. Nansen's home, Madame Nansen showed me his study. The library contains a large percentage of all the books that have explored the Arctic, and detailed information, addresses A. D. Edgar, general agent, Helena, or W. M. Toohy, general agent at Butte.

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